specific instance of any approved institution not having the basic facilities like, building, libraries has been brought to the notice of the Council. The improvement of quality and standards is a continuous process. AICTE reviews from time to time the norms, standards and quality of various programmes approved by it. It is not felt necessary to follow the CA or ICWA pattern for MBA courses.

Development of Cochin Port

1297. SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to develop the Cochin Port:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether container terminal at Cochin is due for development, if so, the details thereof ;

(d) whether a super terminal for container terminal is planned at Vallarpadam Kerala; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) In the 9th Five Year Plan, it is proposed to take up the following major schemes in Cochin Port:–

- Replacement of Mattancherry wharf.
- Replacement of GHD Bolghatty.
- Deepening of channel upto 12.8 m.
- Installation of 1 No. 40 T Container Handling Gantry Crane.

In addition, setting up of a modern Container Terminal,construction of Liquified Petroleum Gas & Liquified Natural Gas terminal at Pathuvypeen, construction of multi-purpose berth at Low Wharf area and Conversion of berths Q6 & Q7 into container berth have been identified for private sector participation. Cochin Port has been asked to prepare feasiblity studies for a modern container terminal with possible location at (i) Cochin-Vallarpadam (ii) upgradation of existing Rajiv Gandhi Container Terminal.

Nehru Yuva Kendras

1298. SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Nehru Yuva Kendras set up since the National Youth Policy was spelt out and number of villages still lift without a Nehru Yuva Kendra;

(b) the number of rural youth benefited so far from the various schemes sponsored by the Nehru Yuva Kendras;

(c) the modus operandi of these kendras; and

(d) the annual provisions and expenditure of these Kendras during 1994-95, 1995-96 and the current year?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) 204 Nehru Yuva Kendras have been set up after the National Youth Policy was spelt out in 1988. A Kendra is opened at the District level and not village-wise. At present 500 Kendras are functioning all over India under Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan.

(b) Nehru Yuva Kendras in the districts conduct a huge number of programmes to motivate and encourage youth. Programmes like observance of National Youth Day/Week etc. does not have direct beneficiaries. However, information for the period 1988-89 to 1995-96 regarding such programmes where there are direct beneficiaries are as follows:-

	Name of the Programme	No. of Beneficiaries
1.	Vocational Training Programme	5,42,572
2.	Youth Leadership Training Programme	2,53,877
3.	Training in Self-Employment Project	94,548

(c) and (d) Nehru Yuva Kendras with the help of National Service Volunteers, undertake formation of Youth Clubs and motivate such youth clubs to undertake constructive activities at grass-levels. The annual budget provision and expenditure of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan during 1994-95 to 1996-97 are as under : –

(Rupees in Crores)

Year	Budget Provision	Expenditure
1994-95	17.14	15.23
1995-96	17.14	17.14
1996-97	17.14	17.14

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Recruitment in Army

1299. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any recruitment of Army Jawans have been made in Mainpuri district of Uttar Pradesh during the last fortnight of December, 1996;

(b) if so, the number of youths found fit for the Army and the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have any plan to start such drive in tribal/backward/rural areas of the country, particularly in the Chota Udaipur district of Gujarat; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b) A recruitment rally was organised in Mainpuri from 28-12-1996 to 03-01-1997. A total of 3282 candidates were screened during the rally out of which 47 candidates have been selected for despatch by 28-02-1997.